

# news & notes

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## Band of Flight celebrates 'Hearts, Heritage and Heroes' during concert

Join the U.S. Air Force Band of Flight as it celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Valentine's Day and Presidents Day during the "Hearts, Heritage and Heroes Concert" at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 11 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

The free concert, which will take place in the museum's Modern Flight Gallery, will feature a wide variety of music, including rousing military-style marches and some popular

love songs performed by the band's vocalists.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert is open to the public. No tickets are necessary. For more information about the Fall Concert Series, please call (937) 255-8046, Ext. 495.

Under the command of Lt. Col. Alan Sierichs, the Band of Flight travels nearly 100,000 miles each year to present more than 450

performances before military and civilian audiences. Since its founding in 1942, the band has performed for presidents and vice presidents, visiting heads of state, members of Congress, military leaders, and millions of Americans and foreign citizens.

### if you go

Museum doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Modern Flight Gallery.

## Death March survivor to speak

Dr. Eugene Bleil will present "Bataan, the Death March and Captivity" at 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 23 at the National Museum of the United States Air Force.

After Japanese attacks against the Philippines destroyed most of his squadron's aircraft, Bleil fought as an infantryman in the desperate ground defense of the Bataan Peninsula. After U.S. forces were ordered to surrender, he went on the infamous Bataan Death March to Camp O'Donnell and endured the inhumane conditions at the prison camp at Cabanatuan. In September 1943, Bleil was transported to Japan, where he worked at the Hirohata steel mills near Kobe until the end of the war in 1945.

Dr. Bleil's presentation is part of the Wings & Things Guest Lecture Series. The lecture takes place in the museum's Carney Auditorium. Admission is free and doors open at 6:30 p.m. For additional information about the lecture series, please call (937) 255-8046, Ext. 312.

An exhibit focusing on the Bataan Death March opened in the museum's Air Power Gallery in 2005. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Jeff Fisher)



## Museum director appointed to SES



Metcalf

Museum Director Maj. Gen. Charles D. Metcalf, USAF (Ret.), will be appointed to the Air Force's Senior Executive Service during a ceremony at 4 p.m. on Feb. 14. Gen. Bruce Carlson, commander of Air Force Materiel Command, will preside over the ceremony.

Metcalf has served as museum director since December 1996. A complete biography is available at <http://www.af.mil/bios/bio.asp?bioID=8182>.

## Behind the Scenes Tours expanded

Due to increased public interest, the museum's Behind the Scenes Tour schedule has been expanded. Beginning Feb. 3, tours will take place every Friday. Advanced registration is required. Please call (937) 255-3286, Ext. 302 or 303, for additional information.

### on the radar

**Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24** • Behind the Scenes Tour  
**Feb. 11** • USAF Band of Flight Concert  
**Feb. 18** • Family Day  
**Feb. 23** • Wings & Things Guest Lecture Series  
**Feb. 23-24** • Read Across America  
**March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31** • Behind the Scenes Tour  
**March 11** • USAF Band of Flight Concert

For a complete list of museum events, please visit <http://www.wpafb.af.mil/museum/pa/06events.pdf>.